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Poultry Division
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Federal-State Supervisor

Agricultural Commodity Aid (Poultry), GS-1981-2

I. INTRODUCTION

This is an entry-level Upward Mobility position designed to provide the incumbent experience in the technical aspects of the grading of poultry, poultry products, shell eggs and rabbits.

The employee is assigned to a Federal-State Office which is responsible for carrying out (a) Poultry grading programs for voluntary grading services of poultry, shell eggs, and rabbits; and (b) shell egg surveillance within a designated State or combination of States. Assignments may involve details or reassignments to a different geographical area as determined by management.

II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The incumbent receives elementary training designed to gain familiarity with poultry and shell egg grading and inspection work under the supervision of a fully licensed grader or inspector. Training is provided in forms preparation, distribution, filing, indexing, etc., as related to official functions in resident plants and the Federal-State Office. The incumbent also performs limited technical work in the commodity purchase programs, such as destination and origin inspections on poultry and poultry products. More specifically, the incumbent receives instruction in and performs one or more of the following tasks:

Destination Inspection: Examines seals on rail cars or trucks to make sure they are intact. Counts containers if seals are broken, obtains opening temperatures, checks origin certificates against contents, examines loads for damaged, torn, or wet shipping containers, conducts product examination by taking internal temperatures of product from prescribed amount of samples, and reports findings to the grader- in-charge if the product is not in compliance.

Origin Inspection: Assists the grader by counting product, visually observing container and product for condition, observing sealing of vehicle closures and assisting in preparation of memorandums and certificates. Other duties may include checking thermometer readings (wash water, freezers/coolers, etc.), sampling for ppm of sanitizer solution and visually observing spray nozzles of sanitizers and washer to make sure they are functioning properly. May observe inedible collection containers to see they are properly labeled. Under close supervision, the Aid may also select and retrieve official samples for grading by the grader-in-charge.

III. JOB CONTROLS

Supervision Received: A designated grader makes work assignments in terms of specific tasks and provides detailed instructions on methods and procedures to follow in accomplishing the work.

The Aid strictly adheres to oral instructions which are provided before each new task. Any questions or problems which arise are to be addressed by the grader or referred to the supervisor.

Close, over-the-shoulder supervision is given by the grader with work carefully reviewed in progress and upon completion for compliance with instructions and adherence to procedures.

Written guidelines include parts of the official grade standards, regulations, visual aids, instructional material, technical manuals, and other written guidelines.

Guidelines, specific to the work being performed, are explained fully to the employee prior to and while the work is performed.